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Precancel Fans Take Over

PMG Adds Auto Stamp, New Trio

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has just announced the forthcoming issuance of the 41st issue of the year. It will be a 4c commemorative honoring the automotive industry.

Featuring the theme "Wheels of Freedom", it will be placed on first day sale on Saturday, October 15 in conjunction with the opening of the National Automobile Show in Detroit.

The stamp, to be printed in blue, was designed by New York artist Arnold J. Copeland. Superimposed upon a background of the world are three illustrations centered in a symbolic steering wheel, featuring a passenger car, a tractor and a truck. The initial print order of these stamps will be 120,000,000. Further details as to the design will be announced later.

Collectors desiring first day cancellations may send addressed envelopes to the postmaster, Detroit 33, Mich. with remittance to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed. Each envelope must be marked, in pencil, in the upper right corner indicating the denomination to be affixed, and the number of stamps (singles, pairs, blocks) desired.

An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap either turned in or sealed. The outside envelope to the Postmaster should be clearly marked "First Day Covers Wheels of Freedom Stamps."

Collectors are cautioned to send "Wheels of Freedom" first day cover requests separately. Any orders containing requests for other issues will be returned unserved by the postmaster at Detroit.

As we go to press, Mr. Summerfield issued the brief statement that small 4c mourning stamps will be issued for the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, Ohio Senator Robert A. Taft, and Georgia Senator Walter F. George; no further details.

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Paderewski Likeness On Next 'Champion' Pair Derived From Painting Based On Photograph

A likeness of Ignacy Jan Paderewski, from a painting by Tave Styka based on a photograph by Taylor and Dull of New York, will be featured on the 4c and 8c "Champion of Liberty" pair to be released at Washington, D. C. October 8, according to PMG Arthur E. Summerfield.

These commemoratives were initially announced by the PMG on May 2, the eve of the day when the people of Poland and millions of Americans of Polish ancestry commemorate the adoption of the Polish Constitution of 1791.



The usual 120,000,000 of the 4c and 40,000,000 8c have been ordered of the Ignacy Jan Paderewski "Champion of Liberty" pair to be issued in Washington, D. C. October 8. The low value will be blue, the other red, blue and ochre.

As Mr. Summerfield noted then, "Poland's Constitution of that date was patterned after our own American Constitution, and is considered

one of the outstanding documents of the free world."

The Paderewski "Champion of Liberty" stamps were based on a photograph of a stamp design, a drawing of a medallion and a drawing of a ribbon, spray of leaves and torch, which were furnished by the Post Office Department. The design is in the "Famous American" size, and was based on the 8c Magsaysay "Champion of Liberty" stamp of 1957 with modifications.

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Earlier this month, the 39th annual convention of the Precancel Stamp Society took place in Schenectady, N. Y. Although the Society's members are scattered over all the 50 states and abroad, about 15% of them attended this year's convention. Over the years, P.S.S. conventions have drawn a much larger percentage of members than have similar affairs of other national philatelic organizations.

"Why?" one might ask. Many reasons could be cited, but the core lies in the fact that precancel collecting is a collector's hobby—rather than a dealer's hobby.

To obtain items he needs for his collection, each precancel collector must depend more on other collectors than on dealers.

Only a small share of all the different precancels that exist occur in sufficient quantities for dealers to stock them. On the other hand, the collector who finds two or three copies of an elusive precancel usually puts the spares into his trading stock.

Precancel collecting thus depends squarely on "good will among men". For this reason, precancel gatherings are marked by an atmosphere of friendliness and trustfulness too often inconspicuous at other gatherings of stamp collectors.

As a result, precancel collectors have more fun than other folk. They enjoy their hobby as a basis for making friends, rather than as a business. Moreover, they are truly happy in the chase for items they need.

Most precancels are traded stamp-for-stamp. This practice does not mean that precancels have no value — rather, experienced collectors have learned that, if enough stamps are exchanged, values will event out. Far more stamps can be traded if time isn't wasted on petty arithmetic. In any case, a new item for one's collection is likely to be valued more highly than a duplicate.

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Official cachets will be furnished for the post offices at San Diego and Las Vegas. Cachets are not authorized for any other points served by these flights.

Patrons desiring to receive the post office cachets should forward their covers to the respective postmasters. First flight covers should reach the offices applying the cachets at least five days prior to flight date.

Philadelphia ATA Unit To Resume In September

After the summer recess, the Philadelphia (Pa.) Chapter No. 6 of the American Topical Assn. will resume regular meetings in September with newly elected officers.

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For further information about the Precancel Stamp Society and its activities, collectors may write Mrs. John W. Graves, promotional secretary, 292 Patton Dr., Wichita 8, Kans., who will welcome inquiries.

Albany's Ft. Orange Club Lists Programs

The Ft. Orange Stamp Club of Albany, N. Y. will commence its 35th year of weekly meetings at 8:30 p.m. September 13 at the Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, N. Y. Joseph Schriener of Gloversville, N. Y. will show his collection of "No. 1's of the World on Cover".

The September 13 meeting will feature a lecture by the Rev. Henry Hardy Heins, of Albany, on the preparation and philatelic research involved in his writing of the philatelic best-seller "Numeral Cancellations of the British Empire".

Succeeding meetings will bring William Helling of Schenectady demonstrating the art of precancel collecting; Edward Williams of Millbrook and his "Australian Traveling Post Offices"; and Kevin Rogan, editor of the War Cover Bulletin, showing war covers "Napoleon to Nassau".

A copy of the program for the entire year and a history of the Ft. Orange Stamp Club may be obtained from Thomas F. McGrath, 804 Park Ave., Albany 8, N. Y. for an addressed, stamped, business size envelope.

Ray Crow's "Sports, Olympics" At Atlanta

A popular subject, the Olympics, will be the theme of the program at the next meeting of the Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club.

Ray Crow will talk on Olympics and sports on stamps at the meeting at 7:30 p.m. September 7 in the Pershing Point Office of the Bank of Georgia 1430 W. Peachtree St. NW, Atlanta, Ga.

The club usually meets on the second Wednesday of each month, but moved the September date up one week because the Georgia Democratic primary falls on the second Wednesday.

New Regular, Europa Single Due In Greece

P. J. Drossos, 1 St. Denys Pl., Athens, Greece has reported the "early September" scheduling of a 3 Drachma Greek stamp in the same design as the 2500d. of the 1954 Ancient Arts set. The quantity expected is 5,000,000 copies, with unlimited validity.

September 19, he added, will bring Greece's member of the 1960 Europa offering. It will be of 4.50Dr. value, edition 1,200,000, with validity extending through 1960.

Sweden's "Europas" In Accepted Design

On September 19 the Swedish Post Office will issue two new postage stamps saluting the organization, which was created last year by Administrations of Posts and Telecommunications in 19 European countries. The values are 40 ore blue and 1 Krona red.

The stamps were designed by the Finnish artist P. Rahikainen and engraved by Czeslaw Slania. The size is 27.25 x 20.5mm. They are furnished in coils of 100 (perforations on two sides).

First day covers with a pair of the new stamps can be obtained from the Post Office Section for Philately (PFA), P.O. Box, Stockholm 1. Payment of 30c should be made not later than on September 3, either by international money order or else by banker's cheque payable in Stockholm. Coins, stamps and international reply coupons are not accepted in payment.

Mint stamps may also be ordered. If only mint sets are wanted, postage for a registered letter should be added — 20c up to 20 grams, 25c up to 40gm.

Formosan Flood Brings Jamboree Postponement

Howard T. H. Ang of has reported that on August 1 there was another serious disaster of flood in Formosa. The communications were mostly dead between the northern parts of Taiwan and the southern parts.

The only transportation of mail from outside the cities was by helicopters. Also, the Provincial Jamboree scheduled for August 7-13 was postponed until the end of this month or early next month.

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Easy Money For Togo

Perhaps the news of the easy money that Ghana has enjoyed over the past couple years from the sale of issue after issue of highly colored pictorial postage stamps leaked out to the New Togo government. Leastwise it is apparent that Togo is working along the same lines as did Ghana, issuing stamps for almost any kind of an occasion for profit.



GEORGE W. LINN

Since Togo has entered into the Agency field of promoting its postage stamps it has issued several series such as the Olympics, which included three for the winter games in Squaw Valley. After these, the World Refugee Year and the Independence series. The most recent issue turned out to be one that was to commemorate the Summit Meeting in Paris last May. This is as we all know was a sort of fluke as there was no Summit Conference, yet Togo had the stamps ready and had to issue them or there would have been a tremendous loss.

As little as you might expect it, there is a local stamp collectors club in the capital of Togo also numerous collectors who expect to buy their stamps at the local post office. They have found this a very difficult thing to do for in some instances some of the values of a new issue were unavailable the first three days. When the Independence series was released just about half of the values were available on the day of issue.

Due to this fact, local collectors were unable to obtain first day covers of the entire set. Members of the local stamp club however were later able to purchase first day covers which carried the entire set.

Because of these facts the influential Paris newspaper, Le Monde stated in an article that international philatelic circles were considering drastic measures unless this situation was remedied.

Local stamp collectors in Togo blame this situation directly on the connection between the Togo Post Office and the Togo Philatelic Agency in New York City. Local collectors when attempting to purchase stamps of a recent issue are informed that no more are available but that if they wish, the Post Office employees advise them, they can obtain the stamps from the New York Agency.

In the case of the Independence issue an inquirer who wanted to obtain a first day cover of this set was unable to do so at the local post office and was advised by postal employees that he could get such covers from the New York Agency.

With regard to the Paris Summit issue, the difficulties over the holding of a Summit Meeting were such that the promoters of the stamp issue, which was intended to celebrate this occasion, were put behind the "eight ball" by the actions of Mr. Khrushchev and did not know what to do. They of course had the stamps all ready to put on sale. But without a definite day on which the Summit Conference was to open, they were stymied and no definite date of issue had ever been announced publicly. However as we said, the stamps were ready and waiting for the Togo Government and for the Agency so something had to be done. Therefore an official Togo government bulletin dated June 9 finally announced that the Summit set "had been issued on May 21st 1960". As a matter of fact, and for the record, no Summit stamps were in use or on sale before the date of the government bulletin, June 9. In addition to the announcement in the bulletin, it was also stated that "in view of special circumstances, the special First Day (cancellation mark) dated May 21, 1960 will be placed on the letters (covers) presented by philatelists at the windows (Post Office) in Lome on Saturday, June 11, 1960."

With the failure of the Summit meeting and with a large consignment of Summit stamps on hand the Togo government was in a spot. They had decided however not to issue the set of stamps, but that brought such a complaint from the Togo Agency in New York, insisting that the stamps be issued, that on Saturday, June 11, the stamps were put on sale at the local post office and anyone who wished might have them postmarked on a cover with the date May 21, 1960.

This is a very fine example of what can and does happen when any government lets out to individuals the privilege of manipulating its postage stamps for profit. Profit both for the government and for the operating individual.

The information above is based on facts, all of which are backed up by information gathered from official government announcements.

"Efimayo" Charity Quartet In Argentina

Argentina has announced the August 20 release of a set of four values of SURFAGED stamps noting the 1960 EFIMAYO philatelic exhibition recently held in that country.



Photogravure printed in sheets of 100 subjects by the State Mint, the quartet was designed by Horacio Alvarez Boero. Details include: 2 Pesos plus 1P., market place, and 6P. plus 3P., water carrier, 400,000 copies each.

Also, 10.70P. plus 5.30P., landing place (for small boats), and 20P. plus 10P., a fort. Printings here were 300,000 each; all four are airmails.

New Booklets, Coils Soon In New Zealand

The New Zealand Post Office Department has announced that booklets containing twelve 1d and twelve 3d pictorial stamps will be placed on sale September 1. These booklets are similar in other respects to those containing Queen Elizabeth stamps.

Counter appliance coils of the pictorial issues will be brought into use as supplies of the Queen Elizabeth series are exhausted. Coils of the 4d and 1/9 denominations have already been issued to some offices.

All Queen Elizabeth (ordinary) stamps unsold at the close of business October 31 will be withdrawn from sale. It is likely, however, that stocks of some denominations will be exhausted prior to that date. The 1/9 denomination is not now obtainable from the Stamps Division.

Counter appliance coils of the brown 8d denomination with the large numeral were first issued to offices April 13 and are now in general use.

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October 22-23 Dates For IFPEX Cornplex

The annual exhibition and convention of the Illinois Federation of Stamp Clubs will be held October 22-23 at the Scottish Rite Temple, Bloomington, Ill. with the Corn Belt Philatelic Society and its annual show CORNPEX as host club.

Entry in this show is open to any adult or junior stamp collector. General information on the event may be had from exhibit chairman Eugene R. Salch, 813 S. Summit, Bloomington, Ill. Juniors are to contact Delbert E. Youngblood, 1301 N. Linden St., Bloomington.

There will be a Grand Award as well as honors for the best in each class and several special awards. An appropriate cacheted cover will be available from Irving J. Aiken, 500 S. Linden St., Normal, Ill. at 15c each, two for 25c.

August 25-28 Exhibition By Plymouth, Ind. Group

The Marshall County Historical Center and the stamp collectors of the area are offering a joint exhibition at the Center August 25-28.

The public is invited. Philatelic material of particular historical interest will be featured, with Pony Express emphasis. A route was operated thereabouts by Lewis Jones as early as 1822, from Indianapolis to Centerville, according to Russell A. Quillen of Plymouth.

1960 STAMP PROGRAM

Aug. 29 — Fifth World Forestry Congress 4c, Seattle, Wash. (50 per pane, 120,000,000).

Sept. 14 — American Credo, Francis Scott Key 4c, Baltimore, Md. (50 per pane, 120,000,000).

Sept. 16 — Mexican Independence Sesquicentennial 4c comm., Los Angeles, Calif. (50 per pane, 120,000,000).

Sept. 28 — Japanese-American Amity 4c, Washington, D. C. (50 per pane, 120,000,000).

Oct. 8 — Ignace Jan Paderewski "Champion of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C. (4c—70 per pane, 120,000,000; 8c—72 per pane, 40,000,000).

Oct. 15 — Automotive Industry 4c comm., Detroit, Mich.

Oct. 18 — Boys' Clubs of America 4c, New York, N. Y. (50 per pane, 120,000,000).

Oct. 22 — Airmail coil 7c, new red color, Atlantic City, N. J.

Nov. 1 — Camp Fire Girls Golden Jubilee 4c, New York, N. Y. (50 per pane, 120,000,000).

Nov. 7 — Giuseppe Garibaldi "Champion of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C. (4c—70 per pane, 120,000,000; 8c—72 per pane, 40,000,000).

Nov. 25 — Andrew Carnegie 4c, New York, N. Y.

Nov. — American Credo, Abraham Lincoln 4c.

Jan. 1961 — American Credo, Patrick Henry 4c, Richmond, Va.

ALREADY ISSUED

Due to the many issues involved and the need to save space, the list of U. S. stamps already issued will henceforth be included only in the first issue of each month.

UNITED NATIONS

Aug. 29 — Fifth World Forestry Congress 4c and 8c.

Oct. 24 — UN 15th anniversary 4c and 8c, and 4c plus 8c souvenir sheet.

Dec. 9 — International Bank for Reconstruction and Development 4c and 8c.

CANADA

Natural Resources.

Details as to denomination, color and printings will be announced when available.

To obtain First Day Covers collectors may send a reasonable quantity each with a name and address, and enclosing a stub to the postmaster of the designated first day city with a request for FD service. Payment must accompany to cover the face value of the stamps to be affixed. For U.N. and Canadian first days, watch the news stories on these and follow instructions.

Luxembourg Joins In '60 "Europa" Parade

On September 19 the Administration of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, as a member of the "Conférence Européenne des Administrations des Postes et des Télécommunications, (C.E.P.T.)", will release its Europa 1960 set.



It will consist of a 2.50 francs dark blue green and light green and 5fr. claret and dark blue green. The design is identical for all the CEPT countries participating in the issue, showing the inscription "CEPT" together with the word "EUROPA". Printing was done on the steel-plate presses of Joh. Enschede en Zonen, Haarlem.

Stamp collectors desiring first day covers may send up to 10 addressed envelopes with proper remittances to cover the amount of the stamps to be affixed. The rate is 47.60fr. to the U.S. Dollar. For all shipments a service fee of 10fr. is charged by the Direction des Postes - Office des Timbres, Luxembourg.

Payments may be effected by postal cheques, money orders, Luxembourg or Belgian banknotes, or certified cheques. Personal cheques will not be accepted, nor will coins, postage stamps and international reply coupons.

Progress Report By Institutional Group

The American Banner Stamp Club, organized in March at the Bridgewater, Mass. Correctional Institute reports through its president C. L. Costello that excellent progress has already been registered.

From a nucleus of eight members, the roll has now grown to 19, thanks particularly to the generosity of Linn's readers in contributing stamps and supplies in response to a March appeal, Mr. Costello reports.

The group is now permitted to entertain visiting clubs from "outside", and also conducts considerable correspondence with individuals and groups in many countries. However, with increased membership and activities, shortages continue to exist in material.

Collectors wishing to donate stamps or supplies—especially a more recent Scott's Catalogue than 1956—may send contributions to Mr. Costello at Box 366, South Bridgewater, Mass. Anything above the strict "junk" class will be useful and appreciated.

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630	2c White Plains Exhibition pane	12.00
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669-679	1c-10c NEBRASKA	13.00
730-731	1c-3c Century of Progress souvenir sheets	3.40
735	3c Byrd pane	1.80
750-751	1c-3c Nat'l Park souvenir panes	3.65
C1-C6	1st and 2nd Issue airmails complete	21.50
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Society Activities - An excellent study has been published in the July "Journal" of the Queen Elizabeth II Commonwealth Collectors Society concerning the recent (1952-60) low value issues of the Persian Gulf Agencies - Bahrain, Kuwait, Muscat, and Qatar.

Starting with the annas surcharges on Tudor Crown and E2R watermark the script and accompanying tables clearly and concisely point out all known varieties as well as certain items yet to be unearthed.

This well planned article is still another credit to the efforts of the members of this studious and wide-awake group. As its name implies, the Society is interested only in the issues released during the reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

If only some of our old time collectors had gone to this trouble or had the information available to them with the stamps of the nineteenth century, there would not be so many philatelic mysteries today!

A new group of officers and board of directors was recently elected among whom is Miss H. R. Work, the secretary. Anyone interested in joining the organization should address her at P.O. Box 730, Grand Central St., New York 17, N.Y. Dues are \$2 per year.

British and other Sterling area collectors may write the vice president, John F. Hart, 406 Hall Rd., Norwich, Norfolk, England. Dues for them are 14/3 per year.

Federation Of Malaya-Johore - In true economical and business like fashion the various new definitives with change of portrait are not being released until supplies of similar denominations of the current set are exhausted.

In spite of the fact that the series is being issued piecemeal, collectors should experience no hardship since the entire transition should be accomplished in short order.

The new 4c and 50c values were released August 19 and the 1c, 2c, and 5c denominations are scheduled October 7. The remaining five stamps are expected very soon. (Crown Agents)

New Zealand - The Post Office Department reports a 9d value, depicting the New Zealand Flag, has been added to the new pictorial series. The Flag will be featured in its actual colors, red, white and blue, on a blue wash background. The stamp will be issued with the second portion of the set, about September 1.

We have discovered an interesting development regarding this year's Health stamps. They were released August 10 and will be withdrawn the end of November, which is a sales period of about 3½ months.

Comparison with the 1959 Health set shows that a year ago the stamps were released September 16 and withdrawn January 31, 1960, a life of 4½ months.

If there is no change in Post Office plans, this year's set has better possibilities, particularly the miniature sheets, since they will be available from the Post Office for a shorter period of time.

People To People - Two more thoughtful readers have reported on their new pen pals in Malaya. Carl Faulkner, Durham, N. H. and R. W. Frantz, Jr., Bethlehem, Pa. are very well satisfied with the contacts they have set up through the Program. They have exchanged stamps, newspapers, information, and other data several times.

We would appreciate hearing from more readers who received Malayan letters or names. The Committee would like to know just how the Program is progressing under the present system, designed to stimulate the interest of Americans and people of other lands in each other's thoughts, customs and ideals, in order to promote greater understanding.

If you have written to Malaya and received no answer or if you

were disappointed in the result, we wish to know that too. But we will not learn anything if you do not inform us.

Kenya - It looks as though a major error on the part of the designer of the 5/- stamp of the new series will make appearance with the rest of the definitives October 1. The Crown Agents report that although the subject portrayed is the Ruwenzori Mountains, the caption on the stamp reads, "Crater Lake. Mountains of the Moon".

Apparently, work on the new set has progressed too far to permit an entire new printing of the 5/- value in time to meet the announced date of issue. So there is little doubt that the stamp will be issued with an incorrect caption.

What does this mean? Take a look at Scott No. 357, Minkus No. 448, Philippines under U.S. administration. The exact same situation exists here, where a view of Vernal Falls is captioned Pagsanjan Falls, and the catalog prices of the stamp reflect its popularity.

We have a doubt that the next printing of the Kenya 5/- will show a corrected caption and when that happens the expected error will skyrocket.

Of course, a sudden change of plans on the part of Kenya could alter the entire situation and result in the cancellation of the order for the 5/- value. Nevertheless we intend to order from our favorite dealer as soon as the set is available.

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will be produced in panes of 72 on the Giori presses in red, blue and other, L-type perforated.

Orders have been placed for 120,000,000 of the 4c denomination and 40,000,000 of the 8c. The wording "Champion of Liberty" appears across the top in dark Gothic lettering, and "United States Postage" across the bottom. The denominations are in the lower right.

Surrounding the head of Paderewski is the inscription "1860 Ignacy Jan Paderewski 1941" and "Polish Statesman - Artist".

Collectors desiring first day cancellations may send addressed envelopes to the postmaster, Washington 13, D. C. with remittances to cover the cost of the stamps to be affixed.

Each envelope must be marked, in pencil, in the upper right corner indicating the denomination(s) to be affixed, and the number of stamps (singles, pairs, blocks).

An enclosure of medium weight should be placed in each envelope and the flap either turned in or sealed. The outside envelope to the postmaster should be clearly marked "First Day Covers Paderewski Stamps". Collectors are cautioned to send Paderewski covers separately and to indicate plainly the issue desired.

New Scout Jamboree Cover In Late Offer

Scout Troop and Post 140 of Wahoo, Nebr. made up a four color cachet for the "Scouts On Stamps Society" convention at the recent Colorado Jamboree, too late to give notice to the philatelic press. Enough covers were serviced to supply interested collectors at 20c each six for \$1, plus a large stamped addressed envelope with each order.

These covers have been canceled at the National Scout Jamboree at Colorado Springs, Colo. July 24, the actual date of our meeting.

The boys also have available covers with a three-color cachet canceled the first day of Jamboree, July 22. They are the same price, plus a large addressed stamped envelope, from Troop 140, 450 E. 9th St., Wahoo, Nebr.

Colombian Lincoln Has Background Half Off

An interesting variety of the 20c black on lavender stamp of Colombia's three-value Lincoln set of June 20 has been reported.

According to Hernando Araujo C. of the Ministry of Communications, Oficina de Correos, Tumaco, Narino, Colombia, a sheet of 20 of this value has been discovered with the background color displaced one third the width of the stamp to the right. This leaves the black vignette centered on the stamp, but Lincoln's right hand is in the white gutter between two background imprints where the left vertical perforations should be found.

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What constitutes a point of interest to one visiting abroad? The answer to that will vary by country since traditions and the temperaments of the citizens have settled that to a great extent through the centuries. For the most part, beauty, culture and history are basically a part of the important "sights". Government, religion and wars have left their marks, creating ways of thinking and doing reflected in turn through the lives and actions of the people.

In England, as an example, palaces, castles and areas with a cultural history dominate, while in Italy ancient ruins and buildings, and magnificent churches claim the principal attention. So you might get what you believe is an overdose of castles in one place and too frequent visits to churches in another. But that's the way it is.

Only one piece of advice can be given — take it all in and enjoy and understand it to the fullest.

In and around London, our tour party saw the "standards". These included St. James and Buckingham Palaces; at the latter place we had a rainless day at the time with some sunshine which made it possible to see the changing of the palace guards. This is just as colorful and interesting as the movies, TV and pictures have indicated.

We also stood in line to see the crown jewels in the Tower of London and felt well repaid for our patience. The wait gave some of us the opportunity to speak with the picturesquely uniformed "Beef Eaters" who do the guarding of the Tower and its grounds. These men are of the military, assigned here because of an outstanding service record in the nation's regular armed forces. Most of them are in their forties and older, quite dignified and soldierly, but easily approachable and willing to carry on conversation.

One can learn a lot by being friendly and willing to listen to the other fellow. With rare exceptions, he opens up to tell you about himself, his views on things, his work and his country.

While we did not "take in" many churches in England, St. Pauls and Westminster Abbey were two we did. The latter is a fabulous place, not because of its architecture which is attractive, but because of what is within. To call it a burial ground and hall of monuments for the distinguished citizens of the past would not be doing it full justice. But that is what it is for the most part.

A good many of you should be familiar with its outside appearance as well as part of that inside the walls. The coronation of Queen Elizabeth occurred here, a ceremony featured on TV at the time. What was not shown, at least to any great extent was that part of the Abbey where repose members of the royal family and the "greats" of governmental and civic life.

Royalty, especially, is interred inside beautifully carved and shaped sarcophagi. These in turn repose in stately dignity in the chapels and naves. Some burials have been made beneath floors with the flagstones above engraved with the necessary information relating to the departed. It isn't at all difficult for one to sense and realize he is in the midst of those who made history, and created much of the culture we now enjoy. Here are the immortals.

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Near Westminster Abbey, along the Thames are the Houses of Parliament. And of course, the "Houses" in turn immediately remind most folks of "Big Ben". Now perhaps many of you were as un-informed as I — I always thought Big Ben was the clock in the Parliament Tower right at the west end of Westminster Bridge. But it isn't!

Big Ben is the name of the bell in the Tower which rings out the time. It in turn was given this name because it was manufactured by a fellow named Big Ben. (I don't recall the last name).

We also visited Windsor Castle which is some miles from London, and right next door to Eton where the famous college is located. We saw a number of the students in their famed formal uniforms which they wear to classes — a small thing indeed, but one which gave us pleasure inasmuch as we had heard about and seen pictures of them.

Eton is one of the exclusive schools of England. We were informed that applications for entrance were on file to yearly capacity beyond 1970. The practice, in those families which have the necessary social and monetary standing, is to register a new male child soon as it is born!

Besides these "paying" students, there are "King's Scholars". Forty boys are chosen each year because of their scholarship and intelligence, from the nation's schools. They are invited to go to Eton as King's Scholars which means they live at the college and are given special treatment and studies, at no cost to them. My memory is hazy on this, but it seems they also dress a little differently than their fellow students.

They can be rich or poor, although mostly the former. It is from their group that some of the most responsible offices of government are filled, including that of prime minister. Years ago when a king established this arrangement it was for the purpose of educating the most likely boys for future places in conducting the affairs of the nation.

That king was a farsighted individual who if he did nothing else for the nation than establish the 40 scholarships at Eton, created something which is beyond evaluation in terms of gold.

A hop, skip and a jump from Eton is Windsor where Windsor Castle is located, said to be the favorite residence of the Queen. She and her family spend much time there, especially on week ends. It is not difficult to see why.

The Castle is just as pictured on the current £1 denomination of the regular postage series. It isn't much for beauty, nor is it impressive. My first feeling was that it resembled nothing so much as a sprawling assemblage of stone — gray, hard, uninteresting and with not much form.

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These things acquaint one with the luxury of royal living in the past, and today. Many are priceless and unique. But the most priceless and the grandest feature of all, is the view from the castle windows. Here is a precious look at an ideal country vista.

Green fields, broken here and there with the uprightness of a tree, gently rolling into the distance, softened by a blue summer haze — that's how I saw that part of England the day we visited there. A fellow could lie on his back in the grass, do some quiet thinking if he felt like it, or just resign himself to the lazy enjoyment of this completely peaceable part of God's world. I want to go back to Windsor some day.

Due to a shortage of time it was not possible to roam the many shops with attractive merchandise. As a tourist attraction, the town's stores have a highly pleasing quantity of quality merchandise — not just the souvenir junk for pence and shillings. I did have the necessary few minutes to buy a couple of mugs for my collection, typical of this part of England.

Have you ever heard a group spontaneously exclaim in unison? It happened just once this trip and that was during our visit to Hampton Court, erstwhile residence of Henry VIII and sundry other important people over the centuries. The build-

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TOUR

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ing is a large one of several wings
with scads of rooms.

The parts where visitors are allowed are sparsely furnished. However, Hampton Court's greatest charm is in the formal gardens and lakes which surround it. Only a personal visit, where one can feast his eyes on the acres and acres of trees, plants and flowers, makes it all believable.

The above-mentioned gasp came as we walked into a part of the Court where through the open doors we had our first look at the gar-

lens. This introduction to nature's formalized magnificence caused everyone to break for those doors for a more comprehensive look.

Here was beauty beyond words. Even the hundreds of years old yew trees were trimmed with mathematical precision into green 20-foot high cones. Here flowers of many kinds were used as one uses colors in a painting.

Hampton Court is one of several places where "grace and favor" individuals and families are invited to live by the Queen. In actuality they are guests of the royal family, or are members of the family itself. The have no rent to pay — all other

expenses of living are theirs to meet. Some have pensions or grants awarded for notable service to the nation. That same unselfish service is what brought the Queen to extend an invitation to live there. So it's all a rather comfortable situation.

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An outstanding rarity in the Precancel field is the above strip of five 12c stamps of the 1916-17 Bureau Experimentals. The length of the top and bottom bars establishes the width of the Springfield precanceling plate as five stamps. Some plates were two, others three, stamps in height.

21 Bureau Issue Experimental Precancels Make Up Exclusive Area Of XX Century Used U. S.

One of the most puzzling aspects of philately has been the practical disappearance of 11,910,000 used United States postage stamps which now range in price from \$5 to \$425 each. Sounds a bit unbelievable—but it is true!

To explain this odd situation it would probably be best not to put the cart before the horse, but instead to give a brief run-down of the history of Precancels.

Previous to 1901 precancels had a very limited use, and most of the stamps that were precanceled were of the 1c and 2c denominations. Along about 1903-04 the Post Office Department, in order to increase the volume of third-class mail, began encouraging the postmasters to prepare their own imprinting or precanceling devices.

These showed the name of the city and state in two lines with a plain line above and another below. These early devices generally consisted of two types, either a rubber hand-stamp or type-set imprint which was done by the local printer.

Nothing much happened for the next ten years, when in August 1912 Congress approved the "Fourth-Class Schedule" which was created to handle parcel post mail exclusively. For this particular schedule the Department issued a series of twelve parcel post stamps which were restricted for use only on parcel post mail. At the same time, five parcel post dues were issued.

The restrictions limiting the use of the special stamps to just parcel post caused much confusion among mailers and the post offices (which in many cases did not have supplies of them). The restriction was rescinded July 1, 1913.

Soon thereafter the parcel post series were obsolete. In the meantime, the popularity of the fourth-class schedule increased by leaps and bounds with a resulting increase in the use of precanceled stamps.

In an attempt to lessen the work of the clerks who did the precanceling, the Department in 1913 started to supply standardized electroplates to the local post offices which had sufficient volume to warrant having the stamps imprinted by the local printers.

This project proved to be not only time-consuming, but also costly as the POD had to pay the printing costs incurred by the local post offices.

The wide-spread differences in printing costs of the local post offices, the congestion of mails, clerical help involved in checking stamps to and from the printers, plus the heavy demand for precancels, undoubtedly prompted the Department to seek ways and means to remedy a situation that was headed for trouble.

Somewhere around 1915-16 the POD requested a price estimate from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to precancel stamps for certain cities having use for 4,000,000 or more precancel stamps a year.

Twenty offices came within this group: Augusta, Me.; Baltimore, Md.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Chicago, Ill.; Cincinnati, Cleveland and Dayton, Ohio; Des Moines, Iowa; Detroit, Mich.; Kansas City, Mo.; Louisville, Ky.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Minneapolis, Minn.; New Orleans, La.; New York, N. Y.; Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, Pa.; St. Louis, Mo.; Springfield, Mass.; and Springfield, Ohio.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing prepared plates and precanceled stamps for only three cities. The basic stamps used were the 1916-17 series, perforated 10x10, unwatermarked, Scott Nos. 462-476 and 459-60. The denominations and quantities printed were as follows:

Augusta, Me. 1c—4,000,000; New Orleans, La. 1c—3,000,000; 2c—50,000; 3c—50,000; 6c—10,000; 1c Due—20,000 and 2c Due—270,000.

And Springfield, Mass. 1c—3,000,000; 2c—600,000; 3c—30,000; 4c—30,000; 5c—30,000; 6c—20,000; 7c—30,000; 8c—20,000; 9c—50,000; 10c—20,000; 11c—10,000; 12c—20,000; 15c—20,000; and 20c—30,000.

The late Joseph B. Leavy, former philatelic expert in charge of the United States Government collection of postage stamps, in an issue of the "American Philatelist" described the process used in preparing the printing plates.

"The overprints were type-set at the Bureau in blocks of 25, 5x5 rows. The type-set frames of 25 were then sent to the Government Printing Office where a number of electrotypes were made of each frame.

"These electrotypes and type-set frames were returned to the Bureau, the electrotypes cut into blocks of 15 (5x3) and 10 (5x2) and set up in frames of 400. They were spaced so as to meet the shrinkage of the paper in the sheets of stamps.

"The stamps were precanceled in sheets of 400 and perforated after being precanceled."

One of the most unusual pieces in existence is the strip of five pictured here showing the horizontal construction of the Springfield experimental plate. This is evidenced by the line-ends of the plate on both end stamps.



Another extremely scarce piece is the block of the 6c Springfield Experimental showing the butting of the plates, evidenced by the "gap" space.

But just what has made these Experimental Bureau Precancels so scarce? In the first place, precancel collecting in those early days was considered a by-product by philately and probably the viewpoint of the Post Office Department was: "Who collects the darn things anyhow?"

There was no advance notice when these stamps were issued to these three offices. It was not until a few years later that the collectors learned of the existence of these Experimentals—and by that time it was much too late to walk up to the window and get a few nice plate number blocks.

In the second place, the 1c denominations were undoubtedly used mostly on third-class circular matter and whatever stamp collectors there were in those days who had a "yen" for precancels just peeled them off the envelopes. A close clipping here and there with scissors didn't make much difference...these were only precancels!

The higher denominations were used on parcel post mail where they were subjected to careful (?) handling by the post office employees, with the result that well-centered and sound copies are truly gems. A collector today cannot pick from a selection—these stamps just do not exist in any quantity.

It is a fact that these Experimental Bureau Issue Precancels are so scarce today that it is doubtful if there are 50 collectors who can boast of a complete collection of all 21 varieties.

It is easier to complete a collection of United States air mails, including the 24c invert, than a collection of Experimentals—for the air-mails you need only have money, but for the Experimentals you need have, not only money, but also pa-

Notes From The Grecian Field

Pierson Ostrow

Cyprus became a part of the "Greek Community"—at least so far as 80% of its population is concerned when it was proclaimed a republic on August 16.

The long and tortuous political negotiations with Great Britain have at last been successfully terminated and elections resulted in the naming of Archbishop Makarios as first President of the republic and of Turkish minority leader Fazil Kutchuk as his vice-president.

On Independence Day, August 16, stamps of British Cyprus ceased to be sold in Cypriot post offices. They reappeared, however, with a tri-lingual English-Greek-Turkish overprint, "Republic of Cyprus".

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tience and hope that someday you may be lucky enough to get them.

These Experimentals naturally are the "blue chips" to the precancel collector, but the specialists in United States Postage issues also consider them as the rarest issues to ever emanate from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

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1½c RULING

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Bulletin for July 14 is a ruling con-
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stamps not precanceled. In effect
it orders acceptance of these
stamps. Quoting "All mail bearing
these stamps should, therefore, be
accepted for cancellation in the
regular manner," this is of course
as it should be.

If you thought my article brand-
ing this stamp as blocked was
harsh have you noticed just what
dealers are asking for mint plate
number blocks and plain mint
blocks of this stamp? Check it up
and see what you think.

On page two is also a ruling al-
lowing those using meter stamps to
mark their mail additionally (at
their expense) in the case of the 2c
rate "Adl. ½c Pd." or for the non-
profit 1c rate to add "Adl. ½c Pd.".
It was noted that some meter com-
panies are trying to convert some of
their machines to take care of these
fractional rates.

PER-FINS

W. J. Garrison of Jackson, Mich.
suggests that the combination word
for a precancelled perfin be "PRE-
PERFS". And another which I
doubt will get much of a nod comes
from C. J. Reilly of Eustis, Fla. He
suggests "PUNK-FINS".

How he gets anything about a pre-
cancel in that I don't know. But he
says this term comes from the word
"punctured" and "finished". What's
your idea about a precanceled per-
fined stamp?

GLENLYON, PENNA.

In looking over a mix lately saw
a couple of these precancels. Gune-
schs Town list had it as two words
so I had to dig out the old Postal
Guide (vintage of 1933) and look it
up. In there it is all one word.

When we get the new complete
Town and Type list we shall be
mentioning such items as these as
they come up. (Also note that
Noble town list has this town as
two words).

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The American First Day Cover So-
ciety is sponsoring the official cachet
for the Francis Scott Key "Credo"
stamp. It is being issued in Balti-
more on the opening day of "CHES-
APEX '60" and the Fifth Annual
Convention of the AFDCS on Sep-
tember 12.

The "Credo" series has been very
popular with collectors and the Fran-
cis Scott Key issue will be a wel-
come addition to the series. The first
day ceremonies will—appropriately
—be held at Ft. McHenry.

A hand cancellation will be used at
the convention station at the South-
ern Hotel in Baltimore. It will be dif-
ferent from the regular cancellation
die at the Baltimore post office. The
official cachets are engraved by
Artcraft in three different colors,
black, blue and red.

Serviced covers are offered at sin-
gle stamp on one cover 20c, set of
three 50c; block 35c set of three 90c;
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Covers may be ordered with the
autograph of the convention chair-
man for 5c extra for a single cover
or 10c for any set. Orders may be
sent to Carroll Lloyd, 423 Greenlow
Rd., Baltimore, Md.

Profits from the sale of the ca-
chets will go towards the operation
of the exhibition and the publication
fund of the American First Day Cover Society.

Skandia Friends Auction
At September 2 Meeting

The Skandia Philatelic Friends of
Newark, N. J. will feature a stamp
auction at the next meeting. It is
scheduled for September 2 at the Ir-
vington Community Bldg., 1143 Clin-
ton Ave., Irvington 11, N. J.

At the September 16 gathering Art
Lloyd will exhibit and discuss his
extensive showing of Match and
Medicine U. S. revenue issues.

Dated Control Precancels

Dale Besom

Dated control precancels—what are they? How do they differ from
ordinary precancels? Those are good questions and I hope after read-
ing this article your understanding and appreciation of them will be
greater.

There is really no mystery to them. They are very much like the
ordinary precancel; city name and state name between lines or bars, but
with the added "dated control".

This dated control consists of the
initials of the precancel user, and
the month and the year. These are
usually placed above the top line or
bar on the precancel.

Back in July 1938 the Post Office
Department made a ruling that all
users of precancels, above the 6c de-
nomination, should show their in-
itials and the date of use. This ruling
was made because the POD felt
some unscrupulous precancel users
were recovering high value precan-
cels and reusing them.



The users were allowed to hand-
stamp this dating or, if they wished,
it could be printed on the precancel-
ed stamps.

All this amounted to extra work
and inconvenience to the user of
high value precancels and conse-
quently a lot of users stopped using
them. This, along with the meters
has cut down the number of pre-
cancels being used.

There are basically only two kinds
of dated controls, those that are
handstamped or printed on the pre-
canceled stamps and those we call
integrals.

The handstamp controls are made
by simply handstamping the initials
and date on the stamps. The printed
controls have the necessary in-
formation printed on in a small
printing press.

The integral dated controls are
the most interesting of all the
Dateds and are produced in a dif-
ferent manner than the handstamp
and printed dated controls.

The integrals, as the name might
suggest to you, combine something.
In addition to the initials and date,
the integral device will also print
the city, state and lines on stamps
that have not been precanceled.

Thus in one operation you are
both precanceling and dating
stamps in compliance with the POD
regulation for using high value pre-
cancel stamps. Integrals may be
handstamp or printed.

The largest users of Dateds are
the mail order houses; Montgomery
Ward Co., Sears Roebuck Co., Al-
dens Inc., and National Bellas Hess,
to list a few. Not only will the main
office of the mail order houses use
Dateds, but many of their branches
in other cities also use them.

The main office of Montgomery
Ward Co. in Chicago, Ill. uses them
and also branches in nine other
cities are currently doing so. Sears
Roebuck Co. Dateds are coming
from twelve different cities.

Sometimes people ordering from
mail order houses will send unused
postage stamps as part of their re-
mittances. The firm will then use its
handstamp integral device to pre-
cancel and date these. Many com-
memoratives are used this way.

The mail order houses are the
only users permitted to precancel
and use commemorative stamps.

Dateds make a nice precancel col-
lection. Some of them from the
larger user are very common and
easily obtained. Others from the
smaller users are tough and will
take some hunting before being
landed.

How are dateds collected? To
save every stamp each month from
all users is a big task when you
consider that each month, year in

and year out, there is a new "crop".

An example would be the Ft.
Worth, Texas, Montgomery Ward
branch where they use about 25 dif-
ferent Dateds each month the year
round. With many other users do-
ing the same thing it is apparent
that saving every Dated is quite a
job.

Most dated control collectors se-
lect a certain user, or users, and
save everything from those partic-
ular ones. Other will collect the con-
trols of their state, or maybe a
group of states.

The printed controls are more
popular than the handstamped con-
trols. The printed integrals are pre-
ferred to the handstamped. Dateds
are a fast moving precancel field
and are the only precancels with
their birthdate showing.

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a new set of definitives for Johore
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ference between it and current regu-
lars is that it bears the portrait of
the new Sultan.



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C. A. (Block Capitals) watermark-
ed paper by De La Rue & Co., Ltd.,
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Precancels As Postal Markings**Barbara R. Mueller**

When you think of United States precanceled stamps, you automatically think in terms of Towns and Types and Bureau Prints and Locals and whatever the latest fad happens to be. In more general terms, this means precancels are collected according to the style of overprint, the origin of the overprint, and the producer of the overprint.

Few if any regard a precancel as a postal marking first and an overprint second, yet one of the few precancel fields for advanced and respected philatelic research and creative collecting is the study of the usage of the stamps.

The initial stage in such a study is learning to identify a precancel. While any U. S. collector worth his salt knows the general characteristics of a precanceled stamp, he may not be able to segregate the overprints according to the accepted Universal Style Chart.

True, it is not important that he knows that the state name in "caps and lower case letters" differentiates type U-68 from U-69. But it is important that he knows what characteristics differentiate a precancel from a post-cancel, the sort of postal marking applied to a stamp after it is affixed to cover.

At times, the two can be superficially alike, particularly because the box and box roller cancellations are used on the same types of mail as the precancel.

Precancels are most commonly (and legitimately) used by senders of large amounts of identical pieces of mail and packages who qualify thereby for reduced or advantageous rates.

Obviously, then, knowledge of, or at least access to, postal rate schedules and regulations is basic to a study of precancel usage. This knowledge will make cover interpretation much easier.

It is apparent also that Postal Laws and Regulations and Postal Guides are the best sources of information about the usage of precancels. Ideally, you should search all since 1901 when regulations were first spelled out, and chart the changes in rates as well.

Except for those of us with unlimited time and access to a library such as that of the Collectors Club of New York, such a search is impossible. We have to limp along with our limited facilities

and pool our research results with others. Buttressing them should be a collection of precancels on cover, demonstrating usage in action.

True, such covers are not common, except in the case of postage dues, and even they are worthy of study. Most have been destroyed because they contained third- and fourth-class mail.

Laudable, then, is a comprehensive collection of precancels on covers, especially when it includes provisionals. These are stamps precanceled by some means other than the traditional printed device.

Usually they are precanceled by manuscript marks, crayon lines, or bars of color — not pretty, but interesting! You can identify them positively only when they are on cover, because only then can you determine if the marks impinge on the cover or are confined to the stamp.

Some precancels never show up on covers—the high values used on parcel post, for instance. But there are ways of surmounting this difficulty. The dated precancels comprise an entire field in this category.

Here again a study of regulations, those of 1938 in this instance, covering the use of precancellations on denominations of 6c and up, is a necessity. The precancel itself will tell you who used it and when.

Limited and special service stamps precanceled are also eloquent. Air, special delivery and parcel post stamps precanceled all tell a special story of some sort.

For instance, precanceled airmail stamps since 1941 were usable on surface mail at times. The discontinuance of the parcel post stamps in 1914 also had repercussions pre-

cancel-wise. Hunt for them!

From general experience you would probably say that precancels are used on all types of mail except first-class. You would be wrong in at least one respect. Precancels can and have been used on first-class mail, albeit mainly by philatelists.

According to PL&R (Postal Laws and Regulations), precancels may be used only by persons or concerns to whom they have been furnished by a postmaster after special authority in each case has been obtained from the Post Office Department.

Any person desiring to use such stamps should file an application with the postmaster at the post office of mailing, showing the class and character of matter to be mailed, the approximate total number of pieces to be mailed, and the business in which the applicant is engaged.

Precancels are good for the payment of postage on matter of the third and fourth classes, and second class matter mailed at the transient rate or the rates applicable at city delivery offices. They may also be employed — when specially authorized — on first-class matter, presented at the office where precanceled.

The date of mailing in connection with lines similar to those used in a cancellation postmark must be placed by the mailer, at his expense, on each piece of first-class matter; thus the frequently encountered precancels with additional post-cancels. (Such cancellations are also applied to precancels on mail returned to its sender as undeliverable).

A popular survey such as this is successful if it can point out enticing highways to pleasure; it cannot be a complete road map.

But if you take the "freeway" of the postal historical significance of the precancel, you are sure to arrive at a personal philatelic oasis and enjoy the company of your fellow travelers, regardless of whether they got there in a Cadillac (the early classics) or a Volkswagen (Towns and Types).

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